

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-4 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

Claim 1 has been amended. Applicants believe that Claims 1-4 now comply with 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

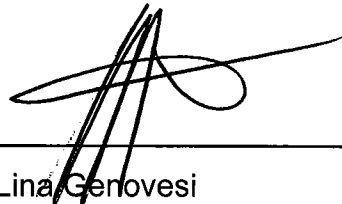
Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 103 over Juestel (US Patent No. 6,573,654) in view of Hayashi (US Pub 2002/0089284). Applicants(s) respectfully traverse(s) this rejection. Claims 1 and 4 are patentable under 35 USC 103 over the cited reference(s) at least because Juestel and the invention disclosed in the instant application were, at the time the invention was made, subject to a common assignment to Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV, and therefore per 35 USC 103(c), the cited reference Juestel is not prior art for the purposes of patentability.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Juestel and Hayashi and further in view of Sohn (US Patent No. 6,650,052).

As stated above, Claim 1 is patentable over Juestel and Hayashi. Claims 2 and 3 which depend from Claim 1 are therefore patentable over Juestel and Hayashi alone or in combination with Sohn.

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-4 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eric Bram at (914) 333-9635.

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